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SUBJECT: JAMES SALINAS

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1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM SALINAS SINCE HIS TWO
TELEXES TO AMBASSADOR REQUESTING EMBASSY TO ASSURE AFTOMACHINE
AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT EXIM FINANCING WOULD
BE FORTHCOMING FOR TWO LARGE TRUCK/TRACTOR DEALS. WE HAVE
NOT COMMUNICATED SALINAS' MESSAGE TO SARG GIVEN DEPARTMENT
CAVEATS (REFS D AND E) THAT EXIM WAS NOT AT PRESENT COMTEMPLATING
RESTORING SYRIA TO COUNTRY LIMITATION SCHEDULE AND THAT
EXIM STILL HOLDS THAT SARG OR BUSTANY SHOULD PAY DEBT.

2. REF E ALLUDES THAT SALINAS' PRINCIPALS ARE TRYING
TO ARRANGE OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCING. SALINAS EARLIER
TOLD US THE TWO DEALS WERE WORTH ABOUT 85 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. GIVEN SIZE OF DEAL AND EXPECTATIONS RAISED IN SARG BY
EARLIER SALINAS VISITS TO DAMASCUS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING IF SALINAS' PRINCIPALS HAVE FOUND ALTERNATIVE
SOURCES OF FINANCING AND IF DEAL IS STILL ON THE TRACK.
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